GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:31
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2008
POACHING OF TIGERS AND ELEPHANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of the poaching of wild animals particularly tigers and elephants are increasing in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of incidents that have been noticed by the Government during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the poachers; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop poaching?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(d):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 31 ON POACHING OF TIGERS AND ELEPHANTS DUE FOR REPLY ON 27.02.2008.

(a) Reports relating to poaching of wild animals, particularly tigers and elephants, have been received from States. However, no definite trend can be inferred from such figures.

(b) Details of poaching relating to tiger and elephant during the last three years, as reported by States,are at Annexure-I.

(c) Action as per legal provisions is taken by the Courts of Law having jurisdiction over the respective area within the concerned State against offenders prosecuted by the enforcement agencies for poaching.

(d) The initiatives taken by the Government of India for protection of wild animals including tigers and elephants against poaching are given at Annexure-II.